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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to congratulate Robert T. Boey on the occasion of his retirement from the Northern Illinois University Board of Trustees and his 22 years of committed service to Northern Illinois University; and

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WHEREAS, Robert T. Boey was among the first individuals appointed by former Governor Jim Edgar to serve on the NIU Board in 1996; he has served faithfully ever since; and

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WHEREAS, During his time on the Board, Robert T. Boey served as Board Chair for two one-year terms, from 1997 until 1999; he also served in the positions of Vice Chair, Secretary, and fourth member of the Executive Committee; and

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WHEREAS, Over the last 22 years, Robert T. Boey has provided strong guidance and wise council through virtually every major challenge and accomplishment of Northern Illinois University, including co-chairing two presidential search committees; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Boey expressed a personal interest in students and sought ways to enhance their education, including providing laboratory space in his factory for engineering students during

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1 the formative years of the NIU Engineering program and by
2 mentoring Asian American students at both Kishwaukee College
3 and NIU; and

4 WHEREAS, During Robert T. Boey's participation on the
5 Board, numerous projects have redefined Northern Illinois
6 University's physical presence, including the renovation of
7 Altgeld Hall and the construction of the Engineering Building,
8 Barsema Hall, LaTourette Hall, the Latino Center, Campus Child
9 Care, NIU-Naperville, the Convocation Center, the Barsema
10 Alumni and Visitor's Center, the Northern View Community, and
11 the New Residence Hall; and

12 WHEREAS, Not only has Robert T. Boey served on the Board of
13 Trustees, but Robert and Doris Boey have been generous donors
14 to the NIU Foundation, the Huskie Athletic Fund, the Kishwaukee
15 College Foundation, Asian American Resource Center, and many
16 other community causes; and

17 WHEREAS, Outside of the Northern Illinois University
18 family, Robert T. Boey has also been a key community leader and
19 has served on the boards of Kishwaukee Community Hospital,
20 Kishwaukee Community College, the First National Bank of
21 Illinois, and the DeKalb County Economic Development
22 Corporation; and

1 WHEREAS, Robert T. Boey founded American Bare Conductor and
2 an industrial park in Sycamore, which brought hundreds of jobs
3 to the DeKalb-Sycamore area, and his commitment to his adopted
4 hometown included service on numerous community work groups,
5 including the City of DeKalb Planning Commission and the DeKalb
6 Citizens' Community Enhancement Committee; and

7 WHEREAS, Robert T. Boey has received numerous awards,
8 including the Humanitarian Award for Community Service, the
9 Outstanding Volunteer Award from the NIU Foundation, the
10 Clifford Danielson Outstanding Citizen Award from the Sycamore
11 Chamber of Commerce, and the Friend of the Child Award from
12 Community Coordinated Child Care; therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
14 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
15 congratulate Robert T. Boey on the occasion of his retirement,
16 and we wish him continued health and happiness in the coming
17 years; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That we commend Robert T. Boey for his
19 willingness to take on community projects over the years and
20 for his faithful service to Northern Illinois University and
21 the DeKalb-Sycamore area; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to Robert T. Boey as a symbol of our esteem and
2 respect.